

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 068929
ORIGIN OES-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 EPA-04 DOTE-00 L-03 EB-08
COME-00 PA-02 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 CEQ-01 /048 R

DRAFTED BY OES/ENP/EN:JWBLANCHARD:BJ
APPROVED BY OES/ENP:DRKING
EPA/OIA:GONDICH (PHONE)
DOT/OHMO:AGRELLA (PHONE)
EUR/NE:JSHUMATE (PHONE)

-----021587 170937Z /23

R 170305Z MAR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS STATE 068929

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, ECEM

SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF KEPONE TO UK FOR TRIAL INCINERATION

1. EPA HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN CONFIRMING ALLIED CHEMICAL CORPORATION CONTENTION THAT THE UK GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE TRIAL INCINERATION OF 80 DRUMS KEPONE SCHEDULED TO BE PERFORMED BY RECHEM INTERNATIONAL LTD., PONTYPOOL, WALES. ALLIED HAS INDICATED IN LETTER TO EPA WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO POST, THAT MR. J. BENTLEY IN THE WASTE DISPOSAL SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT HAS GIVEN POSITIVE INDICATION THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROGRAM.

2. ALLIED REQUIRES EPA APPROVAL FOR THE MOVEMENT OF KEPONE MATERIALS, AS THE ENTIRE US STOCK IS UNDER STOP SALE USE, OR REMOVAL ORDERS ISSUED BY EPA UNDER THE FEDERAL

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 068929

INSECTICIDE, FUNGICIDE, AND RODENTICIDE ACT. EPA WILL RELEASE THE KEPONE MATERIALS SLATED FOR THE TRIAL INCINERATION, FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION BY POST OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT APPROVAL.

3. ALLIED HAS INDICATED THAT SHIPMENT TO ENGLAND OF KEPONE, IF IT ENCOUNTERS NO PROBLEMS, WILL BE FROM BALTIMORE

IN SEALED CONTAINERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IMCO PROCEDURES FOR CLASSIFICATION. ALLIED HAS INDICATED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE WITH BRITISH CUSTOMS OFFICIALS FOR IMPORT INSPECTIONS AT PLANT LOCATION IN PONTYPOOL.

4. FYI DISPOSAL OF KEPONE WITHIN THE US HAS BEEN REJECTED BY EVERY MUNICIPAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT APPROACHED BY ALLIED CHEMICAL CORP., FOLLOWING NATIONAL PUBLICITY IN 1975-76 REGARDING OCCUPATIONAL POISONING AND WIDESPREAD ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION IN VIRGINIA. FEDERAL TRIAL AGAINST ALLIED CHEMICAL AND THE DEFUNCT LIFE SCIENCE PRODUCTS CORPORATION, PRODUCER OF KEPONE, RESULTED IN A 4 MILLION DOLLAR FINE TO ALLIED, AND THEIR ESTABLISHMENT OF A 4 MILLION DOLLAR ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND IN VIRGINIA. ALLIED CHEMICAL CORP. HAS SETTLED OUT OF COURT, SEPARATE LEGAL ACTIONS INVOLVING EMPLOYEES AND STATE OF VIRGINIA. DEPARTMENT IS UNAWARE IF US PUBLICITY ON THIS TOPIC WAS PICKED UP IN UK. IT MAY SURFACE, AT WHICH TIME THE ALLIED/ RECHEM PROGRAM, IF INSTITUTED, WILL REQUIRE CLOSE US/UK LIAISON. END FYI. VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CHEMICAL WARFARE, TRIALS, FISSIONABLE MATERIALS TRANSFER
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE068929
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: JWBLANCHARD:BJ
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780118-1243
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780353/aaaabsyi.tel
Line Count: 82
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 4baeffc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN OES
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3287816
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SHIPMENT OF KEPONE TO UK FOR TRIAL INCINERATION
TAGS: SENV, ECEM
To: LONDON
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/4baeffc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014